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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, the non-extended period for response being January 19, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.